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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

This document is intended to be fully responsive to the first office action (paper no. 5) in the case.

Amendment

Please cancel claims 1-20 without prejudice.

1. (newly added) A method for manufacturing a gelatinous elastomer article comprising the steps of:

(a) selecting a plasticizer,

(b) selecting a triblock copolymer of the general configuration A-B-A,

wherein A is selected from the group consisting of monoalkenylarene polymers;

wherein B is a hydrogenated polymer including a plurality of isoprene monomers and a plurality of butadiene monomers;

wherein said isoprene monomers comprise at least about 30 weight percent of said hydrogenated polymer B;

wherein said butadiene monomer comprise at least about 30 weight percent of said hydrogenated polymer B;